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refer to, other than the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Fund?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, the only thing I would point out is that this would be an amount of money added to...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...that which we generally describe as state aid or equalization aid. So the...in effect, you're increasing the amount that would be distributed as state aid or equalization aid. And I...I don't know then as...whether there's a problem with suggesting that really you're going to at least offer all of that as...as potentially it being appropriated for state aid. The process, as you know, you go through and you calculate the needs for each system and all that, valuation. I...I can...if you need more time on this, Senator, I'll accommodate. I either...I either quit or finished, I'm not sure which. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, here's the question I will ask Senator Raikes. Senator Raikes, if, on page 2 in line 28, we strike the second "fund" and insert "amount", how would that harm what you're trying to do?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, and I'll try to...to...to do this as...as best I can. I'm told there's a possibility that if you would do that, even though it seems reasonable to me, if you would do that, you would...you would undo what was done in the budget. Now exactly why that's true I'm not sure at the moment. But the...the...in the budget bill, that is, that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, what would be undone when, in this...first of all, do you agree that LB 305A is a free-standing bill?